

USMSC First Regular Meeting, September 13, 2009

- **H1N1**
 - Has been a major point of discussion at Vice Presidents' meetings
 - Institutions have been trading tips, policies, precautions, etc.
 - The only role we can play at this point is an informational one – know the symptoms, know how to protect yourself, educate others
- **Porn Policy**
 - Chancellor Kirwan extended implementation deadline to December 1st, allowing for more student and faculty input
 - Ultimately seeking the broadest policy with the most academic freedom, as each institution can fashion policy changes compatible with its unique needs/interests
 - Sponsoring organizations may have the responsibility of developing an educational program to accompany a film screening; if the group fails to do so, the university administration may assume the task
 - Administrative intervention is authorized only in cases of films shown “purely for entertainment purposes”
 - USMSC and Student Regent working to gather student concerns
 - In-depth discussion of policy in November
- **USM Budget**
 - Third round of cuts late October/ early November – most student impact
 - Student concerns regarding quality are arising
 - USMSC Chair, USM Student Regent, and UMCP SGA President are drafting a letter – the official entrance of USM students into the public debate
 - Representing the concerns of the students
 - Students need to be seeking shared governance as this issue becomes more pressing
 - Today's budget decisions are more decentralized, ultimately falling on each institution's President; we must set expectations for transparency of these decisions
 - We seek to work with the system to track quality
 - Where would the budget cuts come from?
 - What would our system look like without them?

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 11, 2009 at UMBC